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SOURCE Palestinian Arab refugees in Beirut with excellent contacts in the Arab Higher Executive.

1. According to Amil Ghuri of the Arab Higher Executive (AHE) office in Beirut, the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al-Husayni, is anticipating trouble between Egypt and Great Britain and, consequently, is thinking seriously of moving his headquarters from Cairo to Karachi, Pakistan, where he would be safely out of reach of the British. In moving to Pakistan, the Mufti would be accepting an invitation extended to him "some time ago."<sup>1</sup>
2. The Mufti feels that if he moved to Karachi he would be able to assume more active direction of the Moslem Brotherhood and would be able to launch full-scale attacks on the Arab League, which he has not been free to do while living in Egypt.<sup>2</sup> Furthermore, according to Ghuri, the Mufti believes that from Pakistan he would be able to effect closer contact with Mullah 'Abd-al-Qasim Kashani in Iran.
3. Source states that "contacts and understandings between Hajj Amin and Mullah Kashani are increasing."<sup>3</sup> 'Abd-al-Jalil Sukkar is the regular courier carrying messages from the Mufti to Mullah Kashani. Sukkar, an employee of al-Misri Airlines, is a brother-in-law of 'Ali Rushdi, a close friend of the Mufti.<sup>4</sup> Source also states that Sa'id Ramadan of the Moslem Brotherhood in Egypt recently took a message from the Mufti to Mullah Kashani.
4. Source states that the terrorist groups of the former Mufti are now fairly well organized. The following are leaders of the terrorist organizations in the various Arab countries:

For Egypt: 'Abdullah al-Fai.<sup>5</sup>For Jordan and Palestine: Da'ud al-Husayni.<sup>5</sup>

For Lebanon: Amil Ghuri.

For Syria: Abu-Ibrahim Saghir.<sup>5</sup>

For Iraq: The first-in-command is a non-Palestinian Iraqi, a former Army officer. Source could not recall his name nor that of the second-in-command, a Palestinian who was at one time a terrorist in Palestine.

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5. According to source, Anil Ghuri has sent Walid Salah in 'Amman a warning that he may be assassinated; Salah is now in the bad graces of the Arab Higher Executive.<sup>6</sup>
6. The Beirut branch of the Arab Higher Executive is in the process of moving into new offices on the second floor of a building located on the northeast corner of the junction of Rue Bliss and Rue Tal'at al-Amerikaine in Ras Beirut. On orders from Anil Ghuri, a private office is being given to Muhammad Hizar Awdah and Ibrahim Abu-Dayyi in the new quarters. Other members of the AHE in Beirut have protested this action, claiming that such an office would be used more for communist business than for the work of the AHE.<sup>7</sup> Ghuri has replied that the order to permit Awdah and Abu-Dayyi to have a private office came from the Grand Mufti himself.
1. See SO-63490.
2. Washington Comment. See SO-63490 for a report that the Mufti has assumed active direction of the Moslem Brotherhood.
3. Field Comment. On 20 August source reported that Muhammad Salim Abu-Laban of the AHE office in Cairo, who had arrived in Beirut during the week of 12 August, had revealed that considerable correspondence was passing between the Mufti and Mullah Kashani.
4. Washington Comment. 'Ali Rushdi is apparently identical with the 'Ali Rujdi of SO-63490.
5. Washington Comment. The connections of al-Tal and Da'ud Husayni with the former Mufti have been known for some time and were publicly discussed during the recent trial following the assassination of King 'Abdullah of Jordan. Saghir has also been reported to have connections with extremist Moslem terrorists (see SO-34584).
6. Washington Comment. Walid Salah, Jordanian Attorney General, headed the prosecution in the trial of those implicated in the assassination of King 'Abdullah.
7. Washington Comment. For earlier reports of Awdah's and Abu-Dayyi's possible pro-communist leanings and connections with the pro-communist Muhammad al-Liswi see SO's -62255 and -65249.

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